

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 18-21, 23 and 25 are pending in this application. Claims 18, 23 and 25 are currently amended. Claims 3, 16, 17, 22 and 24 were previously cancelled. Claims 7, 13 and 15 are withdrawn. Previously withdrawn claims 8, 10-12 and 14 have been reinstated to be pending, by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-12, 14, 20 and 21 are allowed. The applicant appreciates the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in the present application.

Claims 18, 23 and 25 have been amended in view of the Examiner's remarks, including the noted support in the present specification, in response to the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 18, 19, 23 and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph because the Examiner finds these claims to be based on disclosure that is not enabling. Accordingly, claims 18, 23 and 25 have been amended to include recitation of the particle size of the hollow powder and formation of the hollow powder in view of the Examiner's comments.

The applicant submits that claims 18, 23 and 25 are fully allowable under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

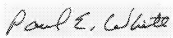
The applicant will cancel the withdrawn claims 7, 13 and 15, preserving the right to file divisional applications, upon the allowance of the presently pending claims.

The applicant has made a sincere effort to revise the claims in view of the Examiner's rejections in order to place this application in condition for allowance.

If the claims of the application are not considered to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, the applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j) or in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP 706.03 so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

In view of the above, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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